

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CENTRAL PARK,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1858.



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EXHIBIT 21 (McLean)

## TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—3 P. M.

PRESENT :

Commissioner Gray,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Dillon,	“ Green,
“ Russell,	“ Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg.
“ Hutchins,	

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, it was

*Resolved*, That the Annual Report of this Board to the Common Council, dated January 30, 1858, be printed as one of the documents of this Board.

As follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. DILLON, the ordinances recommended by the Superintendent were adopted, as follows :

“Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the Central Park :

All persons are forbidden

To enter or leave the Park except by the gateways.

To climb or walk upon the wall.

To turn cattle, horses, goats or swine into the Park.

To carry fire-arms or to throw stones or other missiles within it.

To cut, break, or in any way injure or deface the trees, shrubs, plants, turf, or any of the buildings, fences, bridges, or other constructions upon the Park ;

Or to converse with, or in any way hinder those engaged in its construction.

All persons offending against these ordinances shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and be punished, on conviction before the Mayor, Recorder, or any magistrate of the city of New York, by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars; and, in default of payment, by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days."

Visitors may obtain all necessary information and directions from the police.

The business offices and the police station of the Park are on Fifth avenue at Seventy-ninth street."

Mr. DILLON also moved the adoption of the following:

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent cause these ordinances to be posted on the Park, in such number and manner as he may deem advisable.

*Ordered*, That it be published for ten days in the Daily Times, Tribune, Sun, and Staats Zeitung.

Which was carried, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

A communication from the Chief Engineer, submitting a report on "A Comprehensive Plan of Drainage" of the Park, accompanied by a map of the same, was received.

Mr. DILLON moved that the report be printed and referred to the Committee on Draining and Sewerage.

Which was carried, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

A report from the Chief Engineer, announcing the completion of the sectional and drainage maps of the Park, and the discharge of all persons directly employed by him, was referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication from the same, as to a plan for receiving within the limits of the Park the waste water from the present and new reservoirs, was also referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication from Thomas F. Webb, as to furnishing blasting powder for the Park, was also referred to the same committee.

The following communication was received from A. W. Craven, Esq., of the Croton Aqueduct Board, and on motion of Mr. Dillon ordered to be engrossed in the minutes of the Board :

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT,

Engineer's Office, March 2d, 1858.

Gentlemen,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of a note from your Board, through Mr. Hart, dated February 16th, and to apologise for not replying to it more promptly.

The questions asked, and the answers thereto, are as follows :

“ 1st. What is the height of the Reservoir on the line of Fifth avenue at 41st street, excluding the railing ? ”

The top of the wall, exclusive of the railing, and also exclusive of the projections at the corners and over the gateway, is 119 feet above mean tide and 39 feet above the curb of Forty-first street. The height of water when the Reservoir is full is four feet below this level, or 115 feet above mean tide.

“ 2d. Will the top of the wall of the new Reservoir be on a level with the top of that now built in Seventy-ninth street ? ”

These heights are intended to be precisely the same.

“ 3d. Could not the height of the wall be reduced in the Reservoir now built and in the new one, and if so, how much, and yet answer all the purposes of the Reservoir ? ”

The height of water in these Reservoirs could not be reduced without greatly impairing the efficiency of our water distribution throughout the city, and the height of the wall could not be reduced with safety without a corresponding reduction in the high-water level.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. W. CRAVEN,

Chief Engineer.

To the Commissioners of the Central Park, New York.

The monthly report of the Superintendent was read and ordered on file.

A petition of Norman Ewen, late Surveyor and Engineer of the third division Central Park Survey, to be allowed his pay,

at the rate of \$1500 per annum, from May 1st to November 13th, 1857, was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mr. FIELDS moved to take up the special order, being the election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Cooley, in pursuance of the notice given by Mr. Strong, at the meeting of February 16, 1858.

The ayes and nays being called for upon the motion, it was carried, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—8.

*Nay*—Mr. Butterworth—1.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient at the present meeting to go into an election, to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Cooley.

Lost.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Board now go into ballot.

Carried, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

*Nays*—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth—2.

The Chair appointed as tellers Messrs. Green and Butterworth.

The Board then proceeded to ballot, with the following result :

For August Belmont.....	7
“ George Bancroft.....	1
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On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the election of Mr. Belmont was declared unanimous.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS, the Vice-President was requested to communicate to Mr. Belmont his election to the Board.

Mr. STRONG moved that when the Board adjourn it be to Tuesday next at 1 o'clock.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the Clerk was directed to prepare a calendar of unfinished business for the use of the Board, at each stated meeting.

The Board then adjourned.